

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 05-24-2013
J16J74T42

STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPT OF

HEARINGS

Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration
of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal
Security Laws

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

UNITED STATES SENATE

Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, October 14, 1952

Volume _____

DO NOT DISSEMINATE

ALDERSON REPORTING COMPANY
306 Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington 4, D. C.

Telephones:
National 1120
National 1121
National 0927
National 1145

42-88217-820

Key on

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INTERNAL SECURITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1952

United States Senate,

**Subcommittee to Investigate
the Administration of the
Internal Security Act, and
other Internal Security Laws,**

**Of the Committee on the
Judiciary,**

New York, New York.

Title

The subcommittee at 9:50 o'clock a.m., pursuant to call, in the anteroom of the Courtroom, room 619, United States Court House, Foley Square, Senator Herbert R. O'Connor, presiding.

Present: Senators O'Connor, and Smith.

Also Present: Robert Morris, subcommittee counsel, and Benjamin Mandel, Director of Research.

Senator O'Connor. Come to order, please.

Mr. Morris. This is Mr. Harris.

Senator O'Connor. Will you stand and be sworn, please?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Harris. I do.

C O N T E N T S

Testimony of:

Page No.

Jack Sargent Harris, 5 Cherry Lane, Great Neck, New York, accompanied by Leonard Boudin, 76 Beaver Street, New York, New York, Counsel.

2

Evelyn Thaler, 3441 Seventy-Seventh Street, Jackson Height, Long Island, New York.

9

Herman Zap, 150-45 Village Road, Jamaica, New York, accompanied by Marshall Perlin, 104 East Fortieth Street, New York, New York, Counsel.

22

---oAUo---

TESTIMONY OF JACK SARGENT HARRIS,
5 Cherry Lane, Great Neck, New York,
accompanied by LEONARD BOUDIN, 76
Beaver Street, New York, New York,
Counsel.

Mr. Morris. Will you give your full name and address to the reporter?

Mr. Harris. Jack Sargent Harris, 5 Cherry Lane, Great Neck, New York.

Mr. Boudin. Just note for the record my objection to the examination of the witness on the grounds stated previously that, as you know, he was one of the people subpoenaed before the grand jury, together with other UN people.

Mr. Lane and Mr. Roy Cohn were here yesterday. It does seem to me this was a little beyond the normal investigative procedure by a legislative body and, in fact, this witness, as well as the others, whom I happen not to represent, are actually being charged with some undefined crime.

For those reasons, I think the examination should not be had.

Senator O'Connor. We will be very pleased to note in the record that your objection has been made seasonally, and noted on the record.

Mr. Morris. Will you tell us, are you working in the United Nations now, Mr. Harris?

Mr. Harris. Yes, sir; I am.

Mr. Morris. What position do you hold?

Mr. Harris. I held the position of an officer in the research section of the Division of Trusteeship of the Department of Trusteeship.

Mr. Harris. What is your function? What do you do in that capacity?

Mr. Harris. In that capacity, sir, I am responsible, with the chief of my section, for either writing or directing the writing of research papers on conditions primarily in the African Trust Territories.

I am also involved, for example, in the compilation and classification of research files for the use of our division.

Mr. Morris. Have you worked for the United States Government before you worked for the United Nations?

Mr. Harris. Yes, sir.

Mr. Morris. Where did you work?

Mr. Harris. For the Office of Strategic Services.

Mr. Morris. How long did you work for the Office of Strategic Services?

Mr. Harris. I worked for the OSS from -- I don't remember the exact month, but it was early in 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor until, I think it was, autumn, 1945.

Mr. Morris. During that time, were you a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Harris. Sir, I must respectfully decline to answer

that question on the grounds of the First and Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

Senator O'Connor. It is understood then, the witness declines to answer the question for the reasons stated, on the grounds stated, do you not?

Mr. Harris. Yes, sir.

Mr. Morris. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Harris. Sir, I must give the same answer to that. I must decline to answer that question on the same ground.

Mr. Morris. Have you ever committed espionage against the United States?

Mr. Harris. No, sir.

Mr. Morris. Do you know of an organization called Council on African Affairs?

Mr. Harris. May I consult with counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

Mr. Harris. Sir, in reply to that question, I must respectfully decline to answer it on the same grounds.

Mr. Morris. Are you a member of the Council on African Affairs?

Mr. Moudin. Wasn't the earlier --

Mr. Morris. I said did he know of an organization.

Senator O'Connor. The first question was as to his knowledge of the existence of it, and secondly as to his

membership in it.

Mr. Harris. I give the same answer, sir.

Mr. Morris. Paul Robeson was an official of that organization. Do you know Paul Robeson?

Mr. Harris. May I consult with counsel?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

Mr. Harris. I must give the same answer, sir.

Mr. Morris. I think that is all.

Senator O'Connor. Just for my information and for the record as well, will you give a little more detail as to the scope of your present assignment, some detailed information as to just what that includes?

Mr. Morris. Is this Department of Trusteeship and Information for Nonself-governing Territories?

Mr. Harris. Yes, sir.

Senator O'Connor. That may be helpful, Mr. Morris. Is it identifiable in the memorandum?

Mr. Morris. That is right.

Mr. Boudin. What page is that on?

Mr. Morris. 24.

Senator O'Connor. Will you look at page 24, section 9, and have the witness look at it.

Do you have this?

Mr. Boudin. Yes, I believe this is it.

Do you just want a summary statement?

Senator O'Connor. That is right. In other words, I was just anxious to have a little clearer idea.

Mr. Harris. Senator, if you will look at page 28, sir, you will see under the Division of Trusteeship, the last section named, the Territorial Research and Analysis Section performs the following functions. Then it gives a list of the three functions.

I am not the head of that section; I am subordinate to the chief of that section.

My functions would generally be along the lines indicated here, performs research and analysis in matters concerning the trusteeship system, furnishes to the other sections expert knowledge and current information concerning specific trust territories, and provides expert assistance in the analysis of reports and petitions pertaining to trust territories.

Senator O'Connor. How many employees do you have under you?

Mr. Harris. It is a very difficult question to reply to, sir. I think in our section there are none -- I wouldn't like to be held to this, but it is, I think, around ten or twelve.

Senator O'Connor. And you are the second officer?

Mr. Harris. I am the second officer. My official designation is senior officer, sir.

Mr. Harris. Is there any particular country that you specializing in, any one of the trusteeships?

Mr. Harris. No, sir; I am generally held responsible for the African Trust Territories.

Mr. Harris. Who got you your position there?

Mr. Harris. To the best of my recollection, sir, I applied to the post in a general application procedure some time in the summer or fall of 1946.

Mr. Harris. Did David Weintraub help you get that job?

Mr. Harris. May I consult with counsel?

Mr. Harris. Sure.

Mr. Harris. No, sir. I think the man most instrumental in helping me get the job was Dr. Ralph Bunch.

Senator Smith. When you applied for that job, how did you know about this particular job? Is that what you applied for, this particular assignment that you have now?

Mr. Harris.. No, sir. I made a general application to the United Nations and in the application there were queries concerning my background and my preferences.

In it, I indicated my experience in relation to Africa and colonial problems in general.

Senator O'Connor. Do you know Mr. Weintraub?

Mr. Harris. I am sorry?

Senator O'Connor. Do you know him?

Mr. Harris. May I consult with counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

Mr. Harris. I know, sir, who Mr. Weintraub is. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I never met with Mr. Weintraub until I came to the United Nations. I think I first ran across him within the first twelve months I was there.

I recall that I was sitting on a committee which had to do with the establishment of a document for United Nations purposes. He was on that committee. I don't think the conference could have lasted more than fifteen or twenty minutes, perhaps a half hour; I don't know.

Since that time I have seen him in the halls. We have nodded, when he remembered who I was. I don't think he even remembered who I was.

Senator O'Connor. You have not collaborated on matters or worked together jointly on any particular project for any particular memorandum or document?

Mr. Harris. Not to my knowledge, sir, directly with Mr. Weintraub.

I have worked on one or two documents in collaboration with members of his division, but not with Mr. Weintraub.

Senator O'Connor. All right.

Mr. Mandel?

Mr. Mandel. Did you at any time consult with Communist Party headquarters or any Communist Party official before you took your job with the United Nations?

Mr. Harris. I must respectfully decline to answer that question, sir, on the grounds of the First and Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

Mr. Mandel. Did you know, or have dealings with, Louis Dolivet?

Mr. Harris. I must respectfully decline to answer that question.

Senator O'Connor. Senator Smith, do you have anything further?

Senator Smith. I do not believe so.

Senator O'Connor. I think that will suffice for the present.

- - - -

Mr. Morris. This is Mrs. Evelyn Thaler.

Senator O'Connor. Will you stand and be sworn, please?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mrs. Thaler. I do.

TESTIMONY OF EVELYN THALER,
3433 Seventy-Seventh Street,
Jackson Height, Long Island,
New York.

Senator O'Connor. Your full name is what?

Mrs. Thaler. Evelyn Thaler.

Senator O'Connor. And the last name is spelled how?

Mrs. Thaler. T-h-a-l-e-r.

Senator O'Connor. Where do you reside?

Mrs. Thaler. 3441 Seventy-Seventh Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Morris, will you proceed?

Mr. Morris. What is your position at the United Nations?

Mrs. Thaler. Secretary in the Department of Security Affairs.

Mr. Morris. You are a secretary to one of the Generals, are you not?

Mrs. Thaler. That is right, yes.

Mr. Morris. Which one?

Mrs. Thaler. Mr. Zinchenko.

Mr. Morris. Are you a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. Thaler. I am not a member of the Communist Party. I was, in about 1942, for a period of possibly a year. It is very, very vague in my mind. I have had no association with the party since that time whatsoever.

Mr. Morris. In 1942, when you was a member of the party, what branch of the party did you belong to?

Mrs. Thaler. It was still when it was involved -- it was before the split up as it is now. It was part of the local of the UOPWA, United Office and Professional Workers Union.

Mr. Morris. Now, how big a branch was that?

Mrs. Thaler. It wasn't very large. It was all girls, as I recall, and maybe there were thirty -- thirty-five; I am not sure, actually.

Mr. Morris. Who were the people in your particular unit?

Mrs. Thaler. You see, I must tell you that I don't remember hardly anything. I am not trying to evade the issue, but it was a long time ago and it didn't seem to make much impression on me and I really, really don't remember anything about it.

I can't tell you, honestly.

Mr. Morris. Do you know of any members of the Communist Party now in the United Nations?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know. I truly don't. I have never seen any.

I was called to the grand jury and I didn't recognize any faces there whatsoever.

Mr. Morris. Did you leave the Communist Party of your own accord?

Mrs. Thaler. I just left. I just went away. I just discontinued attending meetings whatsoever.

Senator Smith. Did they try to follow you up?

Mrs. Thaler. No, I have had no contact. They haven't.

Senator Smith. You do not know whether you are expelled or not, actually?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know.

Senator Smith. Did you ever hear from them?

Mrs. Thaler. No, in no way whatsoever.

Senator O'Connor. How did you come to procure your position?

Mrs. Thaler. At the United Nations?

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

Mrs. Thaler. I went down and applied. I applied the first week they came to New York when they were taking applications.

I have been working there since the first week of existence. I started March 8, 1946.

Senator O'Connor. And whom did you give as references?

Mrs. Thaler. I gave a teacher of mine, a former teacher. I gave a man who is a lawyer and my original reference was, who turned out to be my husband, and so I guess you could exclude that if you so wanted to.

Senator Smith. Who were those? Could you give the names of those people?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes. Miss Blanche McTavish was a teacher of mine for about seven or eight years.

Mr. Louis Tanenbaum, and Frederick Thaler, who is my husband now. They are on my original application of references.

Senator O'Connor. In your work at the UN, in addition to

the questions that previously have been asked of you, have you had reason to believe that there has been any communist influence exerted?

Mrs. Thaler. I have no reason to believe so. I don't know. It is almost as if I am in a vacuum there. I don't know. I am excluded; I am away from people.

I have no reason to believe so. I don't know. I don't know any of the people. When I see the names mentioned in the papers, I don't even know who those people are.

Senator Smith. Did you know any members of the Communist Party at the time you were a member?

Mrs. Thaler. I only knew one member at that time, and that was my sister.

Senator Smith. Who was that?

Mrs. Thaler. My sister.

Senator Smith. Your what?

Mrs. Thaler. Sister. That was the only member.

Senator O'Connor. Who is she?

Mrs. Thaler. Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Estelle Peck.

Senator O'Connor. Is she still?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know for sure. We don't talk about it. We don't see eye to eye any longer.

Senator Smith. What is her full name and address?

Mrs. Thaler. Estelle Peck, I have given you, and 41-50 Fiftieth Avenue.

Senator O'Connor. Was she instrumental?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. Did she continue activity as a member while you were a member?

Mrs. Thaler. While I was a member she was, and then I went away. I left home for a while. And, as I said, I have discontinued and we don't see eye to eye. We don't talk about it. I don't ask her these questions and she doesn't volunteer information.

Senator O'Connor. You have no information that she severed relation with the party?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know.

Senator Smith. Was she the only person who was a communist that you knew?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. Did you attend meetings?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes, I attended meetings.

Senator Smith. Did you meet some of these people?

Mrs. Thaler. I suppose I did. They were introduced, perhaps, as first names. I had no contact with them.

Senator Smith. How many meetings did you attend?

Mrs. Thaler. Not too many.

Senator Smith. Well, how many?

Mrs. Thaler. I would say from nine to twelve meetings all told.

Senator Smith. Over a period of how long?

Mrs. Thaler. A period, I would say, of a year, no more.

Senator Smith. Where did you attend those meetings?

Mrs. Thaler. They were somewhere in Manhattan, downtown.

Senator Smith. Whereabouts downtown?

Mrs. Thaler. I am not sure.

Senator Smith. Well, tell us your best impression.

Mrs. Thaler. I would say it was either anywhere from Ninth to Fourteenth Street. I can't quite remember.

Senator Smith. Did they meet at the same place each time?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. You do not remember where you went to ten communist meetings?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. Do you mean to tell us you do not remember where you went to attend communist meetings?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes, I can truthfully tell you that. I am very stupid, very naive, and when I go with someone traveling isn't my concern. I just walk along with them. I don't pay any attention.

I am not trying to make this up. It has been a long time ago.

Senator Smith. How long ago was it?

Mrs. Thaler. Well, at least ten years.

Senator Smith. Ten years?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. And you were there over a period of a year?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. It seems incredible that a person of your intelligence --

Mrs. Thaler. I am not that intelligent.

Senator O'Connor. You have held your position of importance for six years or more, and it seems incredible that you would not recall that very outstanding experience, because certainly, with all that has developed with respect to communism, it is quite difficult for one to understand why you would not have recalled the meetings that you attended only a few years before you made connection there with the UN.

Mrs. Thaler. May I say this, please: I have often thought about it and sometimes I don't know whether your mind plays these tricks on you, or not. I have tried to think about it. That is why I can't even tell you the exact dates or the time. I say it was about 1942. I am not even positive.

I seem to be blank about recalling these things. I didn't pay -- it didn't make much impression on me.

17
Senator O'Connor. How many meetings in all did you attend?

Mrs. Thaler. About nine to twelve meeting. I am not sure.

Senator Smith. Did you, when you applied for the United Nations position, fill out a questionnaire blank, an application?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. Did you tell them that you had been a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. Thaler. They don't ask that.

Senator Smith. Did you tell them that?

Mrs. Thaler. No, because they don't ask for the information.

Senator Smith. Do you mean that the person who applies to the United Nations for a job does not even have to answer a simple question of whether they are or have ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. Thaler. You are not asked that.

Senator Smith. In other words, in the United Nations it does not make any difference to them whether employees are communists, or not?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know how they feel about it.

Senator Smith. Have you heard any suggestion that the people who employ personnel at the United Nations had any

interests one way or the other on whether an applicant for a job was or was not a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. May I say this, please: When I applied it was a long, long time ago. The whole personnel situation is entirely different now than it was then.

Senator Smith. But do you know of any indications there of the people who employ personnel showing any interest whether an applicant is or is not, or was or was not, a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't have any contact with them. I don't know.

Senator Smith. You just sit there all day long and do not contact anybody?

Mrs. Thaler. It is true. The only people I see are the people that come in to see the boss.

Senator Smith. What kind of work do you do?

Mrs. Thaler. A personal secretary, if you like.

Senator Smith. Do you take dictation?

Mrs. Thaler. No, because he doesn't handle most of the work for the department. If you want to call it a figure-head, you can. Most of the work is handled by the principal director of the department. He is the coordinator.

Senator Smith. Who is your boss?

Mrs. Thaler. Mr. Hinchenko.

Senator O'Connor. He is a Soviet national, is he not?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. What is his address?

Mrs. Thaler. He is not here right now.

Senator Smith. What is his address when he is here?

Mrs. Thaler. He lives at the Park Central Hotel.

Senator O'Connor. And he is assistant secretary general, but he is in charge of the security affairs?

Mrs. Thaler. That is right.

Senator O'Connor. And he is a Soviet national?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. I say it is entirely agreeable to him for everybody out there to be communists, is it not?

Mrs. Thaler. He has never discussed it with me.

Senator Smith. Do you not know that that is true?

Mrs. Thaler. How can I tell?

Senator Smith. Do you not know he is a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. Of course he is a communist. He is a national of a communist country.

Senator Smith. I am going to ask you this question: Your particular duties are as a secretary of Mr. Zinchenko, who is a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. Right.

Senator Smith. And you do not know whether or not he has any interest in having people other than communists working there, or not?

Mrs. Thaler. He has never talked politics with me in any way whatsoever. He knows I am an American. I don't think he would even bother to discuss it.

Senator Smith. Do you think that he would have you as his confidential secretary?

Mrs. Thaler. I am not confidential.

Senator Smith. All right. As his secretary. That is, unless he thought that you were a communist or communistically inclined.

Mrs. Thaler. He has no idea. I am sure he has no idea whatsoever. I have sworn to you and it is the truth. He has no idea whatsoever.

You could say what you will. We never talk politics. He has never talked politics to me. We don't have that sort of relationship. It is purely, strictly business.

Senator Smith. What do you do?

Mrs. Thaler. I take care of his filings. I prepare his documents for meetings. I answer his invitations. I make his phone calls for people who want to see him and who he wants to see. If he has any letters which he receives which are purely not so much personal, but addressed to him, I make up answers for that, and that is all that I do for him, and I sit in his office and mind his telephone all day long.

Senator Smith. How many people are there in that office?

Mrs. Thaler. Just myself. That is why I say I am alone.
Just myself.

Senator Smith. You are the only secretary he has?

Mrs. Thaler. That is right.

Senator Smith. I thought you said just now you were
not his confidential secretary?

Mrs. Thaler. He doesn't have a confidential secretary.

Senator O'Connor. You distinguished from that, and I
think you described it as a personal secretary.

Mrs. Thaler. That is right.

Senator O'Connor. I am sure in a way that Senator Smith
has in mind, whether confidential or personal, you are the
one that handles all of his matters.

Mrs. Thaler. Yes, that is right.

But to his outside activities, I have no knowledge.

Mr. Morris. Will you stand by, Mrs. Thaler? I do not
know whether we will call you today, or not.

Mrs. Thaler. May I say this: that I have told you the
truth in everything I know. I am not evading the issue. I
volunteered this information when I appeared before the grand
jury, and they asked if I would be willing to be investigated
by the FBI.

I am withholding nothing from you. I know nothing.

Senator Smith. Are you acquainted with the FBI?

Mrs. Thaler. They came to my house.

Senator Smith. Were you asked questions?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes.

Senator Smith. Did you tell them you were a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. Yes, sir.

Senator Smith. Does the FBI have a record of your being a communist?

Mrs. Thaler. I don't know what records they have, but I told them.

Senator Smith. I am talking about the FBI.

Mrs. Thaler. Yes, sir. They came to my house.

- - - -

Mr. Morris. Will you stand by please, Mrs. Thaler?

Senator O'Connor. Thank you.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Zap.

Senator O'Connor. Will you stand and be sworn, please?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give to this Senate Subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Zap. I do.

TESTIMONY OF HERMAN ZAP, 150-45
Village Road, Jamaica, New York,
accompanied by Marshall Perlin, 104
East Fortieth Street, New York, New
York, Counsel.

Mr. Perlin. My name is Marshall Perlin, New York City,
104 East Fortieth Street.

Senator O'Connor. We are glad to have you.

Mr. Perlin. Sir, there is just one matter, not concerning Mr. Zap, which I might request of you.

Mr. Zap's wife also is under subpoena. She has not arrived at the moment. The situation is this: She is pregnant and has a history of miscarriage. She was subpoenaed to the grand jury and, on the basis of medical evidence, she was excused at that time and did not testify.

I would respectfully urge that you seriously consider that and excuse her here. Of course, if you don't, she will comply with your direction and be down here.

Senator O'Connor. Counsel, it occurs to me that this might be done: We, of course, wish to impose no condition which would work a hardship. Whether she could come with the specific understanding that we would take her up immediately on her arrival and then have her here for a short time and excuse her immediately, might be a suggestion.

Mr. Perlin. It is as you say. But, as I say, the situation is this: The doctor has specifically advised that she not be under emotional duress.

What was this, her first or second?

Mr. Zap. One in the fifth month.

Senator Smith. Have you a doctor's certificate to that effect?

Mr. Perlin. Yes, sir.

Senator Smith. Will the doctor come up here and let us

examine him?

Mr. Perlin. Yes.

What month is she in?

Mr. Zap. At the present time she is in the second month.

Mr. Perlin. And that is a particularly sensitive period, I gather, and the doctor would much prefer that she did not.

Of course, if you direct her, I want you to understand she will comply with your direction in that respect. But the grand jury and Mr. Cohn deem it proper to excuse her at this time.

Senator O'Connor. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

Senator O'Connor. Your address, please, Mr. Zap?

Mr. Zap. 150-45 Village Road, Jamaica, New York.

Mr. Morris. Have you been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Zap. I respectfully decline to answer that question on the grounds of the First and Fifth Amendment.

Mr. Morris. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Zap. I refuse to answer that question on the same grounds.

Mr. Morris. Have you ever committed espionage against the United States?

Mr. Zap. No.

Mr. Morris. Do you work in the technical assistance administration?

Mr. Zap. Yes.

Mr. Morris. Are you in the operations division of that?

Mr. Zap. That is correct.

Mr. Morris. What is the nature of your job?

Mr. Zap. I am in the training division or the fellowships division. Our responsibility is to bring people from abroad for training in various countries, technicians, primarily.

Senator Smith. What countries have you brought them from?

Mr. Zap. Well, the underdeveloped countries who have applied for technical assistance. I regret, I may not answer that question without prior consultation with my superior, because that is an internal question.

Senator Smith. Do you mean it is a secret who comes in here from these foreign countries that you are talking about to get technical assistance?

Mr. Zap. I wouldn't put it that way.

Senator Smith. If it is not a secret, why could you not go on a public record?

Mr. Zap. It isn't only a question of whether people are coming into the United States. There are people being

trained all over the world, and the United States is only one country in which such training is carried out.

Such training isn't carried out without prior approval from the U. S. authorities, after proper clearance from the U. S. authorities.

In other words, we have established procedures such that no one can come into the United States without the specific approval of the United States Government. So I don't see the relevance of that.

Senator Smith. That is not for you to see. It is for us to see whether it is relevant, or not.

I want to know from what countries have people come into the United States to get this technical assistance. I am not asking you who they are; I am asking you from what countries they have come.

Do you think we are not entitled to take that information? It never dawned on me that anybody would object to say they came from Africa or Greece, or whatever it was.

Mr. Zap. All of those are correct.

Senator Smith. Well, I happened to guess right.

Mr. Zap. May I ask my counsel a question?

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

Mr. Zap. After consultation with counsel, I believe, in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary-General, that I may answer that, because I do believe it is a matter of

public record.

The countries that normally apply are Afghanistan --

Senator Smith. I mean those from which people have come.

I am not talking about normally or what-not. I am talking about from what countries have people come from into the United States to get this training and consult about this training.

Mr. Zap. Afghanistan, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, and most of the Latin-American countries.

Senator Smith. India?

Mr. Zap. India.

Senator Smith. Pakistan?

Mr. Zap. Yes.

Senator Smith. Yugoslavia?

Mr. Zap. No. No Yugoslavs have come in. I think I better change that.

Senator Smith. Czechoslovakia?

Mr. Zap. In the particular program I am working in, we have tried to place Yugoslavs here, but they have not been accepted by this government.

q Senator Smith. Czechoslovakia?

Mr. Zap. It is possible there may have been a Czechoslovakian brought in in 1947 or thereabouts.

Senator Smith. Poland?

Mr. Zap. I am not sure of Poland. They are not partici-

ing in the program. They are not applying for fellowships.

Senator Smith. I mean whether or not any people have come in here for that purpose.

Bulgaria?

Mr. Zap. No.

Senator Smith. Romania?

Mr. Zap. No.

Senator Smith. What other nations, now?

Mr. Zap. Indonesia, Philippines, I think that is basically it. There may be a few others from the various possessions of the United Kingdom.

Senator Smith. You said Swedes have come in here under that program.

Mr. Zap. That is right. Under the public administration program, that is right. There are two basic programs, if I may explain. One deals with economic development, and the only countries that are eligible to apply under that program are the countries that designate themselves as being underdeveloped economically.

There is also a resolution passed by the General Assembly which authorizes fellowships and scholarships in the public administration field.

The public administration has not been limited to underdeveloped countries, and so there have been one or two countries which have applied.

28

Senator Smith. You do not class Sweden as under developed, do you?

Mr. Zap. No, sir. It isn't applicable under that particular resolution.

Senator Smith. I could not imagine you doing that.

Mr. Zap. We wouldn't be authorized to do that.

Senator Smith. That is all.

Senator O'Connor. I think that is all.

Mr. Zap. Senator, I have made one major omission, as far as area is concerned, and that is the Arab countries in the Middle East.

Senator Smith. Arab countries?

Mr. Zap. That is right.

Senator Smith. You do not mean that you are really trying to do anything for the Arab countries?

Mr. Zap. Do you mean for Lebanon, Egypt, and so forth?

Senator Smith. Yes.

Mr. Zap. Yes.

Senator Smith. I am glad you are. I was over there last year, but I was surprised to hear that much had been done for them.

(...?

I have not been able to get much attention paid to them. I was in Lebanon and Egypt.

Mr. Zap. As a matter of fact, they are very active in

participating in the program.

From two points of view they provide hosts facilities and they also nominate candidates to go abroad for training.

Senator Smith. I think we should pay more attention to them. I think they are more important to us.

Senator O'Connor. All right, gentlemen.

(Thereupon, at 10:35 o'clock a.m., a recess was taken, to reconvene subject to call of the Chair).

- - -